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SUBJ: HSWP CC DELEGATION TO ROME

1. HUNGARIAN PRESS OCTOBER 14 ANNOUNCED THAT HSWP DELEGATION HEADED BY CC SECRETARY ANDRAS GYENES AND INCLUDING JOZSEF NAGY (FIRST SECRETARY BARANYA COUNTRY COMMITTEE AND MEMBER OF CC) AND MRS. ISTVAN VEROK (MEMBER CC DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) HAD DEPARTED DAY BEFORE ON VISIT TO ROME AT INVITATION OF ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JOPSI). DELEGATION WAS SEEN OFF AT AIRPORT BY JANOS BEREZ, CHIEF OF CC DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

2. ELECTED TO SECRETARIAT OF HSWP CC AT 11TH PARTY CONGRESS LAST MARCH GYENES SUCCEEDED LATE ZOLTAN KOMOSCIN AS TOP PARTY FIGURE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AND INTER-PARTY AFFAIRS. GYENES (WHO IS YOUNG, ABLE, WILY AND AMBITIOUS) HAD ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUST RETURNED FROM BERLIN WHERE HE ATTENDED WORKING GROUP

MEETING TO PREPARE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST AND
WORKERS' PARTIES, A MEETING ALSO ATTENDED BY PONOMAREV, CPSU
SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH NON-RULING
PARTIES. SINCE QUESTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND
SOCIALIST AND SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTIES WAS
PROBABLY ONE OF MAJOR ISSUES AT BERLIN MEETING, WE
WONDER ABOUT TIMING AND PURPOSE OF GYENES VISIT TO ROME.

3. PERHAPS EMBASSY ROME THROUGH ITS PSI AND OTHER
CONTACTS CAN SHED SOME LIGHT ON WHAT IS BEHIND GYENES
VISIT TO PSI AT THIS TIME.
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